

Wentworth, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm;
Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9 am - 7 pm,
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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 11, 16

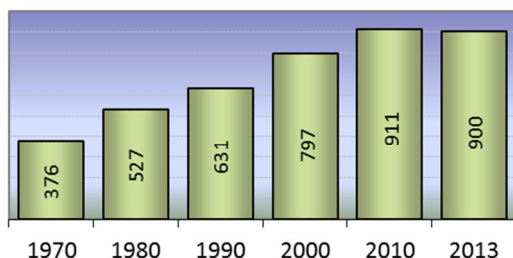
Incorporated: 1766

Origin: This town was first chartered in 1766 to John Page and others, and named Wentworth, in honor of Governor Benning Wentworth. The grantees were given five years to meet the terms of the grant, and the majority were unable to do so, forfeiting their claim. In 1772, Asa Porter and others from Haverhill petitioned Governor John Wentworth, Benning's nephew, for some of the forfeited shares, which was granted. Between them the Wentworth governors issued over 150 new town charters in New Hampshire, and nearly 130 new town charters in what is now Vermont, providing homes and farms for over 30,000 families.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 241 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Wentworth totaled 600 over 53 years, from 300 in 1960 to 900 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2013 Census estimate for Wentworth was 900 residents, which ranked 190th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 21.5 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Sharon. Wentworth contains 41.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$1,232,668	
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Zoning Ordinance		No Board	
Master Plan		1986	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Cemetery; School; School Treasurer; Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Library; Moderator; Checklist; Treasurer; Fire Commissioner		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Webster Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		16 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		Rymes	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Yes	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		No	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.45	
2013 Equalization Ratio		106.2	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.09	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		7.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		6.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		481	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		427	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		16	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		39	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	900	89,268
2010	911	89,118
2000	797	81,826
1990	631	74,998
1980	527	65,806
1970	376	54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	471	Female 429
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		43
Age 5 to 19		138
Age 20 to 34		173
Age 35 to 54		188
Age 55 to 64		164
Age 65 and over		194
Median Age		49.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher		18.7%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$22,299
Median family income		\$61,295
Median household income		\$44,837
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$34,375
Female		\$31,806
Individuals below the poverty level		15.1%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	449	473
Employed	432	456
Unemployed	17	17
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	77	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 474	\$ 562
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	333	318
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 330	\$ 469
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	410	340
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 357	\$ 475
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	25	19
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 532	\$ 675
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	435	359
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 367	\$ 486

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Wentworth operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)				District: SAU 48
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center				Region: 5
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	66				

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Plymouth State University**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
King Forest Lumber Co.	Wood, lumber products	141	1994
Precision Lumber	Wood, lumber	36	1994
Shawnee's	Grocery store	5	2008
Burning Bush	Hardware store	4	1980

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	25, 25A, 118
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 26
	Distance	20 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		76 miles
Portland, Maine		116 miles
Boston, Mass.		126 miles
New York City, NY		301 miles
Montreal, Quebec		199 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	11.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	12.5
Commuting to another NH community	82.4
Commuting out-of-state	5.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon Mtn, Waterville Valley
	Other: Plummer Ledge Natural Area; Market Day; Summer Concerts; Volleyball Court